

Hello and welcome to our liturgy. It is all about Advent, a time to prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

This liturgy is to remind us that Jesus was born for us.

Let's begin by reminding ourselves of Jesus in our lives by making the sign of the cross.

Chaplaincy Team

We are going to create a living Advent Wreath. The candles are going to be lit on the four Sundays throughout Advent. Every class is going to make this wreath come alive.

Group 1 – The Circle

The circle represents a love that has no beginning and no end.

It is God's love. It is a very special love – It represents Advent.

Love is like a circle and it never ends.

Article 21 says we have the right to care and protection – it shows us that Love never ends.

When the circle is formed – read the prayer.

Lord, we thank you for showing your love to us. We also thank you for forgiving us when we do something wrong. Thank you for showing us that Love never ends.

Amen

Group 2 – The Holly

The Holly represents Jesus' crown of thorns. Evergreen never dies and holly never dies. Jesus died on the cross but came back to life for us.

We have the right to help and fair treatment but Jesus didn't have those rights on the cross.

Jesus' life inspires our lives.

When the holly is in place – read the prayer.

Lord, we pray for the people who have lost their way, find them Lord on this joyful day. God we know you hear our prayers, shine your love upon us and protect those with no rights.

Amen

Group 3 – The Berries

The Berries represent the colour of blood. When Jesus died, he shed his blood for us – that we may be saved and free from sin.

Article 36 says children have the right to have protection and freedom from war. We hope that all children will not have to suffer as Jesus did.

When the berries are in place – read the prayer.

Help everyone to remember how Jesus died for us, also help them to remember that berries on the wreath is for the blood and sacrifice of Jesus.

Amen

Scripture Reading Luke 1:26-39

Mary received the News from The Angel Gabriel and even though she was frightened she said yes to God. Please listen to the her words.

Noel Chris Tomlin PowerPoint and images of the Nativity

Group 4 – The three purple candles

We go to Church and pray. We wash our sins away before we have joy and love in our hearts. You should never give up and trust in God. Children have the right to say what they think and we light the purple candles especially in the church to show we are sorry.

When the candles are in place – read the prayer.

Lord, help us use this time to think and reflect on saying sorry before we prepare more for Christmas. We pray we can also use this time to wash our sins away before the end of Advent. We ask you to help others do this even the ones that are older than us so that we can teach them about Advent.

Amen

Group 5 – The pink candle

The pink candle represents Joy. It also means that we should have faith in one another. We find Joy when we celebrate and play with our friends and family.

Article 31 says that all children have the right to play and rest. Children all over the world should be having great fun with their friends and family.

When the pink candle is in place – read the prayer.

Lord, we pray for all those people in different countries who are not able to celebrate with their friends as we are free to do. At this time of advent we hope our prayers will travel and bring some joy and comfort.

Amen

Group 6 – The white candle

Jesus created love and light for the world. Jesus died to save us. We have the right to live our faith in Jesus. The white candle represents the love and light of Jesus. Jesus created love so that we could love each other with our hearts. Jesus loves us no matter what we do. Jesus will always be with us.

When the candle is in place – read the prayer.

Lord, please help the people who are lonely this Christmas and help them to feel loved by Jesus. Help people who don't have a home this Christmas and help those who work with the Nomad trust and the Lincoln Community Larder Help people remember that at this advent love will come to them from God. People have the right to shelter and food and water this Christmas. Please help people feel closer to God's love. amen

Chaplaincy: Thank you for joining us today.

Advent Reflection



*Whichever way we approach
the reality of Being it must be
by a path of reverence and
awe.*

*Out of LOVE we too are born
of flesh.*

*We (shortly) celebrate His birth
– but perhaps more truly- it is
God who celebrates ours.*

Sister Ishpriya